

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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<b>For:</b>	<b>IMPROVED TISSUE SUPPORTING DEVICES</b>
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## STATUS LETTER

We would appreciate receiving a Status Report on the above-identified application at the earliest possible date.

A review of our files indicates that the Examiner's Communication dated June 16, 2008 was the last correspondence from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in this application. In the communication the examiner states that the status of the application should now be "awaiting a decision from the Board of Interferences."

The applicant notifies the Office that it considers the application has been delayed for a proceeding under 135(a) from 11-06-2006, the mail room date of the communication from the Examiner, suspending prosecution and indicating that all claims were allowable, subject to outcome of an interference.

The applicant kindly requests a status report from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Respectfully submitted,  
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